

HELP WANTED

If there had been newspapers in ancient Egypt, citizens might have read these job offerings . . .

in Ancient Egypt

NOW HIRING POTTERS

Craftsmen needed to make canopic jars for storage of mummified organs. Must be able to make and decorate jars from pottery, limestone, precious stone, and wood. Please bring samples of your carvings (such as inscriptions and heads of humans, animals, and birds).

SEEKING MUSCLE MEN

Strong men needed to cut stones in rock quarries. Must be able to use chisels, saws, mallets, and hammers. Heavy lifting required.

CAN YOU PLOW?

Farmers needed to grow flax, olives, and barley, as well as taking care of cows, sheep, goats, and pigs. Job involves plowing soil, scattering seeds, and harvesting crops. Families may apply.

WANTED: MEDICAL EXPERTS

Male and female doctors needed. Experience in curing sickness and performing surgery is required. Must be able to prepare and prescribe medicines made from minerals, plants, and animal parts. Knowledge of magic is helpful for cases where all other cures fail.

LOOKING FOR PRIEST

Local temple needs priest or priestess to conduct ceremonies, write sacred texts, and run daily business of temple. Knowledge of stars and constellations necessary to help determine locations for new pyramids.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR EMBALMERS

Now hiring men to mummify the dead. Experience removing body fluids and organs is necessary. Must be able to make bodies look their best for the afterlife.

CAN YOU KEEP CAREFUL RECORDS OF MANY THINGS? CAN YOU WRITE WELL AND MIX GOOD INK? IF SO, THIS JOB IS FOR YOU!

Scribes needed to prepare contracts, write letters, copy texts, and keep records. Only men who have completed scribal training and can prepare their own inks from soot, charcoal, and minerals need apply.

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